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SUBJECT: STAG: CHARLES BLACK

1. CHARLES BLACK COMPLETED SUCCESSFUL THREE DAY LECTURE TOUR.

2. HIS TALK IN PUSAN ON CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENCY AND TO
KOREAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION IN SEOUL ON FUTURE OF
AMERICAN POLICY MADE POINT THAT ALTHOUGH CONSTITUTION APPARENTLY
VESTED PREDOMINANT POWER IN CONGRESS, IT BECAUSE OF ITS
STRUCTURE HAD TO DELEGATE CONSIDERABLE AUTHORITY TO PRESIDENT.
ONCE AN ELECTED PRESIDENT WAS IN OFFICE WE COULD EXPECT RESUMPTION
OF SHIFT OF POWER FROM CONGRESS TO PRESIDENT. HIS TALK TO
INTERNATIONAL LEGAL SOCIETY UNDERLINED TRADITIONAL AMERICAN
RELIANCE ON COURT DECISIONS AND VERY ACTIVE ROLE JUDICIARY OF
LATE HAS PLAYED IN IMPLEMENTING ITS OWN DECISIONS. HIS FEELING
JUDICIARY NOW MAY BEGIN MODERATING ITS ACTIVE ROLE FOR SOCIAL
CHANGE. HIS APPROACH ALWAYS CONSTRUCTIVE AND PERSONALLY MODEST.

3. AUDIENCE COMPOSITION. IN PUSAN FORTY ACADEMICS, HALF
TARGET AUDIENCE, FOR KOREAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION,
VERY LARGE TURNOUT DESPITE RAIN OF SIXTY ACADEMICS, VIRTUALLY
ALL TARGET AUDIENCE. FOR LAW LECTURE, TWENTY FIVE LAWYERS,
JUDGES, AND LAW PROFESSORS, INCLUDING TWO SUPREME COURT JUSTICES.
AUDIENCE REACTION WARM AND RESPONSIVE.

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4. BLACK PERSONALLY WELL ORGANIZED, PUNCTUAL, ANDIUNDEMANDING.
FELT HIS KOREAN SCHEDULE OF ONE SPEECH PER DAY SANDWICHEDE BY
REPRESENTATIONAL EVENTS AND INTERVIEWS FULL BUT NOT BURDENSOME.
POST WILL BE HAPPY TO REPROGRAM AT ANY TIME.
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